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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Paul D. GROSSMAN

Application No.: 09/724,730

Filed: November 28, 2000

For: PROBE/MOBILITY MODIFIER
COMPLEXES FOR MULTIPLEX
NUCLEIC ACID DETECTION

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Sir:

RESPONSE

Applicant now responds to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2002 (Action).

Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections.

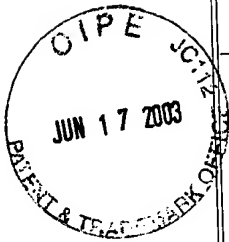
Applicant has extended the due date three months by filing herewith a Petition for Three Month Extension of Time and requisite fee.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 12 are presently under consideration in the application.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

The Examiner rejects claims 1 to 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, "as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as



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